

#### IV. CHEMICAL RELEASE AND TRANSFER PROFILE

This section is designed to provide background information on the pollutant releases that are reported by this industry. The best source of comparative pollutant release information is the Toxic Release Inventory (TRI). Pursuant to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, TRI includes self-reported facility release and transfer data for over 600 toxic chemicals. Facilities within SIC Codes 20 through 39 (manufacturing industries) that have more than 10 employees, and that are above weight-based reporting thresholds are required to report TRI on-site releases and off-site transfers. The information presented within the sector notebooks is derived from the most recently available (1995) TRI reporting year (which includes over 600 chemicals), and focuses primarily on the on-site releases reported by each sector. Because TRI requires consistent reporting regardless of sector, it is an excellent tool for drawing comparisons across industries. TRI data provide the type, amount and media receptor of each chemical released or transferred.

Although this sector notebook does not present historical information regarding TRI chemical releases over time, please note that in general, toxic chemical releases have been declining. In fact, according to the 1995 Toxic Release Inventory Public Data Release, reported onsite releases of toxic chemicals to the environment decreased by 5 percent (85.4 million pounds) between 1994 and 1995 (not including chemicals added and removed from the TRI chemical list during this period). Reported releases dropped by 46 percent between 1988 and 1995. Reported transfers of TRI chemicals to off-site locations increased by 0.4 percent (11.6 million pounds) between 1994 and 1995. More detailed information can be obtained from EPA's annual Toxics Release Inventory Public Data Release book (which is available through the EPCRA Hotline at 800-535-0202), or directly from the Toxic Release Inventory System database (for user support call 202-260-1531).

Wherever possible, the sector notebooks present TRI data as the primary indicator of chemical release within each industrial category. TRI data provide the type, amount and media receptor of each chemical released or transferred. When other sources of pollutant release data have been obtained, these data have been included to augment the TRI information.

##### TRI Data Limitations

Certain limitations exist regarding TRI data. Release and transfer reporting are limited to the approximately 600 chemicals on the TRI list. Therefore, a large portion of the emissions from industrial facilities are not captured by TRI. Within some sectors, (e.g. dry cleaning, printing and transportation equipment cleaning) the majority of facilities are not subject to TRI reporting because they are not considered manufacturing industries, or because they are below TRI reporting thresholds. For these sectors, release information from

other sources has been included. In addition, many facilities report more than one SIC code reflecting the multiple operations carried out onsite. Therefore, reported releases and transfers may or may not all be associated with the industrial operations described in this notebook.

The reader should also be aware that TRI "pounds released" data presented within the notebooks is not equivalent to a "risk" ranking for each industry. Weighting each pound of release equally does not factor in the relative toxicity of each chemical that is released. The Agency is in the process of developing an approach to assign toxicological weightings to each chemical released so that one can differentiate between pollutants with significant differences in toxicity. As a preliminary indicator of the environmental impact of the industry's most commonly released chemicals, the notebook briefly summarizes the toxicological properties of the top five chemicals (by weight) reported by each industry.

## Definitions Associated With Section IV Data Tables

### General Definitions

**SIC Code** -- the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) is a statistical classification standard used for all establishment-based Federal economic statistics. The SIC codes facilitate comparisons between facility and industry data.

**TRI Facilities** -- are manufacturing facilities that have 10 or more full-time employees and are above established chemical throughput thresholds. Manufacturing facilities are defined as facilities in Standard Industrial Classification primary codes 20-39. Facilities must submit estimates for all chemicals that are on the EPA's defined list and are above throughput thresholds.

### Data Table Column Heading Definitions

The following definitions are based upon standard definitions developed by EPA's Toxic Release Inventory Program. The categories below represent the possible pollutant destinations that can be reported.

**RELEASES** -- are an on-site discharge of a toxic chemical to the environment. This includes emissions to the air, discharges to bodies of water, releases at the facility to land, as well as contained disposal into underground injection wells.

**Releases to Air (Point and Fugitive Air Emissions)** -- Include all air emissions from industry activity. Point emissions occur through confined air

streams as found in stacks, vents, ducts, or pipes. Fugitive emissions include equipment leaks, evaporative losses from surface impoundments and spills, and releases from building ventilation systems.

**Releases to Water (Surface Water Discharges)** -- encompass any releases going directly to streams, rivers, lakes, oceans, or other bodies of water. Releases due to runoff, including storm water runoff, are also reportable to TRI.

**Releases to Land** -- occur within the boundaries of the reporting facility. Releases to land include disposal of toxic chemicals in landfills, land treatment/application farming, surface impoundments, and other land disposal methods (such as spills, leaks, or waste piles).

**Underground Injection** -- is a contained release of a fluid into a subsurface well for the purpose of waste disposal. Wastes containing TRI chemicals are injected into either Class I wells or Class V wells. Class I wells are used to inject liquid hazardous wastes or dispose of industrial and municipal wastewaters beneath the lowermost underground source of drinking water. Class V wells are generally used to inject non-hazardous fluid into or above an underground source of drinking water. TRI reporting does not currently distinguish between these two types of wells, although there are important differences in environmental impact between these two methods of injection.

**TRANSFERS** -- is a transfer of toxic chemicals in wastes to a facility that is geographically or physically separate from the facility reporting under TRI. Chemicals reported to TRI as transferred are sent to off-site facilities for the purpose of recycling, energy recovery, treatment, or disposal. The quantities reported represent a movement of the chemical away from the reporting facility. Except for off-site transfers for disposal, the reported quantities do not necessarily represent entry of the chemical into the environment.

**Transfers to POTWs** -- are wastewater transferred through pipes or sewers to a publicly owned treatments works (POTW). Treatment or removal of a chemical from the wastewater depend on the nature of the chemical, as well as the treatment methods present at the POTW. Not all TRI chemicals can be treated or removed by a POTW. Some chemicals, such as metals, may be removed, but are not destroyed and may be disposed of in landfills or discharged to receiving waters.

**Transfers to Recycling** -- are sent off-site for the purposes of regenerating or recovery by a variety of recycling methods, including solvent recovery, metals recovery, and acid regeneration. Once these chemicals have been recycled, they may be returned to the originating facility or sold commercially.

**Transfers to Energy Recovery** -- are wastes combusted off-site in industrial furnaces for energy recovery. Treatment of a chemical by incineration is not considered to be energy recovery.

**Transfers to Treatment** -- are wastes moved off-site to be treated through a variety of methods, including neutralization, incineration, biological destruction, or physical separation. In some cases, the chemicals are not destroyed but prepared for further waste management.

**Transfers to Disposal** -- are wastes taken to another facility for disposal generally as a release to land or as an injection underground.

#### IV.A. EPA Toxic Release Inventory for the Shipbuilding and Repair Industry

This section summarizes TRI data of shipbuilding and repair facilities reporting operations under SIC code 3731. Of the 598 shipbuilding and repair establishments reported by the *1992 Census of Manufacturers*, 43 reported to TRI in 1995.

According to the 1995 TRI data, the reporting shipbuilding and repair facilities released and transferred 39 different TRI chemicals for a total of approximately 6.5 million pounds of pollutants during calendar year 1995. These releases and transfers are dominated by volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metal-bearing wastes which make up 52 percent and 48 percent, respectively, of total releases and transfers.

*Transfers* of TRI chemicals account for 58 percent of shipbuilding and repair facilities' total TRI-reportable chemicals (3.5 million pounds) while *releases* make up 42 percent (2.5 million pounds).

##### *Releases*

Releases to the air, water, and land accounted for 37 percent (2.4 million pounds) of shipyard's total reportable chemicals (see Table 5). Of these releases, over 98 percent are released to the air from fugitive (75 percent) or point (24 percent) sources. VOCs accounted for about 86 percent of the shipbuilding and repair industry's reported TRI releases. The remainder of the releases were primarily metal-bearing wastes. Xylenes, n-butyl alcohol, toluene, methyl ethyl ketone, and methyl isobutyl ketone account for about 65 percent of the industry's reported releases. These organic compounds are typically found in solvents which are used extensively by the industry in thinning paints and for cleaning and degreasing metal parts and equipment. Styrene, reported by eight facilities, accounts for about 4 percent of the industry's releases. Styrene comprises a substantial portion of the resin mixtures and gelcoat used in fiberglass reinforced construction. Finally, copper-, zinc-, and nickel-bearing wastes account for about 14 percent of the industry's reported releases. They are released primarily as fugitive emissions during metal plating operations and as overspray in painting operations and can also be released as fugitive dust emissions during blasting operations.

##### *Transfers*

Off-site transfers of TRI chemicals account for 63 percent of shipyard's total TRI reportable chemicals (4.1 million pounds). Over 72 percent of the shipbuilding and repair industry's TRI transfers are sent off-site for recycling followed by about 18 percent sent off-site for energy recovery (see Table 6). Metals accounted for about 67 percent of the industry's reported transfers. VOCs made up almost all of the remainder of transferred TRI chemicals.

About 60 percent of the metals transferred were recycled, and almost all of the remainder were either treated or disposed off-site. Copper, zinc, and chromium made up about 70 percent of the metals transferred off-site. Most of these are in the form of scrap metal, metal shavings and dust, spent plating baths, wastewater treatment sludges, and in paint chips and spent blasting abrasives. About 53 percent of the VOCs transferred were sent off-site for energy recovery with the remainder primarily going to off-site recycling and treatment. Waste solvents containing xylene, n-butyl alcohol, methanol, carbon tetrachloride, and methyl ethyl ketone make up almost 70 percent of the VOCs transferred off-site. These wastes were primarily transferred for energy recovery.

**Table 5: 1995 TRI Releases for Shipbuilding and Repair Facilities (SIC 3731),  
by Number of Facilities Reporting (Releases reported in pounds/year)**

CHEMICAL NAME	# REPORTING CHEMICAL	FUGITIVE AIR	POINT AIR	DISCHARGES	WATER UNDERGROUND INJECTION	LAND DISPOSAL	TOTAL RELEASES	AVG. RELEASES PER FACILITY
XYLENE (MIXED ISOMERS)	30	853,863	99,379	9,292	0	0	962,534	32,084
N-BUTYL ALCOHOL	15	278,218	60,802	2,691	0	0	341,711	22,781
COPPER COMPOUNDS	8	91,410	0	3,968	0	250	95,628	11,954
STYRENE	8	7,209	87,069	250	0	0	94,528	11,816
ZINC COMPOUNDS	6	75,417	27,278	2,920	0	250	105,865	17,644
ZINC (FUME OR DUST)	5	81,088	0	8,260	0	0	89,348	17,870
CHROMIUM COMPOUNDS	4	631	7,250	256	0	0	8,137	2,034
METHYL ETHYL KETONE	4	77,928	0	0	0	0	77,928	19,482
TOLUENE	4	25,806	30,239	0	0	0	56,045	14,011
PROPYLENE	4	755	250	0	0	0	1,005	251
NICKEL	4	20	0	16	0	0	36	9
COPPER	4	20	0	261	0	0	281	70
NICKEL COMPOUNDS	3	30,592	0	294	0	250	31,136	10,379
METHANOL	3	2,172	13,222	250	0	0	15,644	5,215
1,2,4-TRIMETHYLBENZENE	3	42,399	18,100	0	0	0	60,499	20,166
METHYL ISOBUTYL KETONE	3	55,979	0	0	0	0	55,979	18,660
MANGANESE	3	3,884	0	0	0	0	3,884	1,295
CHROMIUM	3	260	0	10	0	0	270	90
LEAD COMPOUNDS	2	546	0	261	0	250	1,057	529
MANGANESE COMPOUNDS	2	620	0	250	0	250	1,120	560
FREON 113	2	14,672	0	0	0	0	14,672	7,336
ETHYLBENZENE	2	16,993	1,159	0	0	0	18,152	9,076
ETHYLENE GLYCOL	2	256	26	0	0	0	282	141
METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER	2	425	99,555	250	0	0	100,230	50,115
BARIUM COMPOUNDS	1	3,600	0	0	0	0	3,600	3,600
CERTAIN GLYCOL ETHERS	1	22,000	5,000	0	0	0	27,000	27,000
BENZENE	1	426	84,999	0	0	0	85,425	85,425
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE	1	67,000	0	0	0	0	67,000	67,000
DICHLOROMETHANE	1	8,400	0	0	0	0	8,400	8,400
DICHLOROTETRAFLUOROETHANE (CFC-114)	1	250	0	0	0	0	250	250
DICYCLOPENTADIENE	1	18	6,072	0	0	0	6,090	6,090
TRICHLOROETHYLENE	1	15,600	0	0	0	0	15,600	15,600
CUMENE	1	7	2,611	0	0	0	2,618	2,618
1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	1	31	2,634	0	0	0	2,665	2,665
ACRYLONITRILE	1	250	5	250	0	0	505	505
N-HEXANE	1	57	11,608	0	0	0	11,665	11,665
2-ETHOXYETHANOL	1	0	12,975	0	0	0	12,975	12,975
CYCLOHEXANE	1	16	3,864	0	0	0	3,880	3,880
LEAD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	43	1,778,818	574,097	29,479	0	1,250	2,383,644	55,434

**Table 6: 1995 TRI Transfers for Shipbuilding and Repair Facilities (SIC 3731),  
by Number of Facilities Reporting (Transfers reported in pounds/year)**

CHEMICAL NAME	# REPORTING CHEMICAL	POTW TRANSFERS	DISPOSAL TRANSFERS	RECYCLING TRANSFERS	TREATMENT TRANSFERS	ENERGY		TOTAL TRANSFERS	AVG TRANSFER PER FACILITY
						RECOVERY TRANSFERS	RECOVERY TRANSFERS		
XYLENE (MIXED ISOMERS)	30	250	35	223,254	14,020	407,986	645,545	21,518	
N-BUTYL ALCOHOL	15	250	255	24,500	3,620	116,929	145,554	9,704	
COPPER COMPOUNDS	8	1,525	3,878	647,200	44,700	.	697,503	87,163	
STYRENE	8	0	2,835	118,127	2,420	30,837	154,219	19,277	
ZINC COMPOUNDS	6	1,950	2,828	.	36,028	.	40,806	6,801	
ZINC (FUME OR DUST)	5	14	229,950	12,240	28,382	1,837	272,423	54,485	
CHROMIUM COMPOUNDS	4	261	250	647,200	2,650	.	650,361	162,590	
METHYL ETHYL KETONE	4	0	0	.	.	45,705	45,705	11,426	
TOLUENE	4	0	15	.	20	15,745	15,780	3,945	
PROPYLENE	4	0	.	.	.	.	0	0	
NICKEL	4	5	2,286	232,848	.	.	235,139	58,785	
COPPER	4	5	3,678	251,005	.	.	254,688	63,672	
NICKEL COMPOUNDS	3	251	.	.	7,000	.	7,251	2,417	
METHANOL	3	0	5	73,286	20	2,045	75,356	25,119	
1,2,4-TRIMETHYLBENZENE	3	0	.	.	.	33,883	33,883	11,294	
METHYL ISOBUTYL KETONE	3	0	.	.	.	3,615	3,615	1,205	
MANGANESE	3	0	.	431,480	.	.	431,480	143,827	
CHROMIUM	3	5	1,000	126,008	.	.	127,013	42,338	
LEAD COMPOUNDS	2	251	900	1,064	3,244	.	5,459	2,730	
MANGANESE COMPOUNDS	2	0	.	.	.	.	0	0	
FREON 113	2	0	.	55,438	.	.	55,438	27,719	
ETHYLBENZENE	2	0	15	.	20	7,214	7,249	3,625	
ETHYLENE GLYCOL	2	250	5	.	20	.	275	138	
METHYL TERT-BUTYL ETHER	2	0	15	32,736	20	.	32,771	16,386	
BARIUM COMPOUNDS	1	0	.	.	100	.	100	100	
CERTAIN GLYCOL ETHERS	1	0	.	.	.	22,000	22,000	22,000	
BENZENE	1	0	15	.	20	.	35	35	
1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE	1	250	.	.	.	.	250	250	
DICHLOROMETHANE	1	0	.	.	.	21,500	21,500	21,500	
DICHLOROTETRAFLUOROETHANE (CFC-114)	1	0	.	.	.	.	0	0	
DICYCLOPENTADIENE	1	0	15	.	20	.	35	35	
TRICHLOROETHYLENE	1	250	.	1,200	250	.	1,700	1,700	
CUMENE	1	0	5	.	20	.	25	25	
1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	1	0	5	.	20	.	25	25	
ACRYLONITRILE	1	0	.	69,716	.	.	69,716	69,716	
N-HEXANE	1	0	15	.	20	.	35	35	
2-ETHOXYETHANOL	1	0	.	.	.	200	200	200	
CYCLOHEXANE	1	0	5	.	20	.	25	25	
LEAD	1	0	250	.	.	.	250	250	
	43	5,517	248,260	2,947,302	142,634	709,496	4,053,209	94,260	



The TRI database contains a detailed compilation of self-reported, facility-specific chemical releases. The top reporting facilities for the shipbuilding and repair industry are listed below in Tables 7 and 8. Facilities that have reported only the primary SIC codes covered under this notebook appear on Table 7. Table 8 contains additional facilities that have reported the SIC codes covered within this notebook, or SIC codes covered within this notebook and one or more SIC codes that are not within the scope of this notebook. Therefore, the second list may include facilities that conduct multiple operations -- some that are under the scope of this notebook, and some that are not. Currently, the facility-level data do not allow pollutant releases to be broken apart by industrial process.

<b>Table 7: Top 10 TRI Releasing Shipbuilding and Repair Facilities Reporting Only SIC 3731 <sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Rank</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Total TRI Releases in Pounds</b>
1	Newport News Shipbuilding - Newport News, VA	309,000
2	Atlantic Marine Inc. - Mobile, AL	268,670
3	Platzer Shipyard Inc. - Houston, TX	268,442
4	Norshipco - Norfolk, VA	229,000
5	Bethlehem Steel Corp.-Port Arthur, TX	133,020
6	Cascade General, Inc. - Portland, OR	116,929
7	Trinity Industries-Gulfport, MS	90,983
8	Todd Pacific Shipyards - Seattle, WA	85,081
9	Avondale Industries Inc. - Avondale, LA	84,650
10	Jeffboat - Jeffersonville, IN	82,108

Source: *US Toxics Release Inventory Database, 1995.*

<sup>1</sup> Being included on this list does not mean that the release is associated with non-compliance with environmental laws.

<b>Table 8: Top 10 TRI Releasing Facilities Reporting Only SIC 3731 or SIC 3731 and Other SIC codes <sup>2</sup></b>			
<b>Rank</b>	<b>SIC Codes Reported in TRI</b>	<b>Facility</b>	<b>Total TRI Releases in Pounds</b>
1	3731, 3441, 3443	Ingalls Shipbuilding Inc.-Pascagoula, MS	723,560
2	3731	Newport News Shipbuilding - Newport News, VA	309,000
3	3731	Atlantic Marine Inc. - Mobile, AL	268,670
4	3731	Platzer Shipyard Inc. - Houston, TX	268,442
5	3731	Norshipco - Norfolk, VA	229,000
6	3731	Bethlehem Steel Corp.-Port Arthur, TX	133,020
7	3731	Cascade General, Inc. - Portland, OR	116,929
8	3731	Trinity Industries-Gulfport, MS	90,983
9	3731	Todd Pacific Shipyards - Seattle, WA	85,081
10	3731	Avondale Industries Inc. - Avondale, LA	84,650

Source: *US Toxics Release Inventory Database, 1995.*

#### IV.B. Summary of Selected Chemicals Released

The following is a synopsis of current scientific toxicity and fate information for the top chemicals (by weight) that facilities within this sector self-reported as released to the environment based upon 1995 TRI data. Because this section is based upon self-reported release data, it does not attempt to provide information on management practices employed by the sector to reduce the release of these chemicals. Information regarding pollutant release reduction over time may be available from EPA's TRI and 33/50 programs, or directly from the industrial trade associations that are listed in Section IX of this document. Since these descriptions are cursory, please consult the sources referenced below for a more detailed description of both the chemicals described in this section, and the chemicals that appear on the full list of TRI chemicals appearing in Section IV.A.

The brief descriptions provided below were taken from the Hazardous Substances Data Bank (HSDB) and the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). The discussions of toxicity describe the range of possible adverse health effects that have been found to be associated with exposure to these chemicals. These adverse effects may or may not occur at the levels released to the environment. Individuals interested in a more detailed picture of the chemical concentrations associated with these adverse effects should consult

<sup>2</sup> Being included on this list does not mean that the release is associated with non-compliance with environmental laws.

a toxicologist or the toxicity literature for the chemical to obtain more information. The effects listed below must be taken in context of these exposure assumptions that are more fully explained within the full chemical profiles in HSDB. For more information on TOXNET<sup>3</sup>, contact the TOXNET help line at 1-800-231-3766.

Xylenes (Mixed Isomers) (CAS: 1330-20-7)

**Sources.** Xylenes are used extensively as cleaning solvents and in thinning paints.

**Toxicity.** Xylenes are rapidly absorbed into the body after inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact. Short-term exposure of humans to high levels of xylene can cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose, and throat, difficulty in breathing, impaired lung function, impaired memory, and possible changes in the liver and kidneys. Both short- and long-term exposure to high concentrations can cause effects such as headaches, dizziness, confusion, and lack of muscle coordination. Reactions of xylene (see environmental fate) in the atmosphere contribute to the formation of ozone in the lower atmosphere. Ozone can affect the respiratory system, especially in sensitive individuals such as asthma or allergy sufferers.

**Carcinogenicity.** There is currently no evidence to suggest that this chemical is carcinogenic.

**Environmental Fate.** A portion of releases to land and water will quickly evaporate, although some degradation by microorganisms will occur. Xylenes are moderately mobile in soils and may leach into groundwater, where they may persist for several years. Xylenes are volatile organic chemicals. As such, xylene in the lower atmosphere will react with other atmospheric components, contributing to the formation of ground-level ozone and other air pollutants.

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<sup>3</sup> TOXNET is a computer system run by the National Library of Medicine that includes a number of toxicological databases managed by EPA, National Cancer Institute, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. For more information on TOXNET, contact the TOXNET help line at 800-231-3766. Databases included in TOXNET are: CCRIS (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System), DART (Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity Database), DBIR (Directory of Biotechnology Information Resources), EMICBACK (Environmental Mutagen Information Center Backfile), GENE-TOX (Genetic Toxicology), HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank), IRIS (Integrated Risk Information System), RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances), and TRI (Toxic Chemical Release Inventory). HSDB contains chemical-specific information on manufacturing and use, chemical and physical properties, safety and handling, toxicity and biomedical effects, pharmacology, environmental fate and exposure potential, exposure standards and regulations, monitoring and analysis methods, and additional references.

Zinc and Zinc Compounds (CAS: 7440-66-6; 20-19-9)

**Sources.** To protect metal from oxidizing, it is often coated with a material that will protect it from moisture and air. In the galvanizing process, steel is coated with zinc.

**Toxicity.** Zinc is a nutritional trace element; toxicity from ingestion is low. Severe exposure to zinc might give rise to gastritis with vomiting due to swallowing of zinc dusts. Short-term exposure to very high levels of zinc is linked to lethargy, dizziness, nausea, fever, diarrhea, and reversible pancreatic and neurological damage. Long-term zinc poisoning causes irritability, muscular stiffness and pain, loss of appetite, and nausea.

Zinc chloride fumes cause injury to mucous membranes and to the skin. Ingestion of soluble zinc salts may cause nausea, vomiting, and purging.

**Carcinogenicity.** There is currently no evidence to suggest that this chemical is carcinogenic.

**Environmental Fate.** Significant zinc contamination of soil is only seen in the vicinity of industrial point sources. Zinc is a relatively stable soft metal, though burns in air. Zinc bioconcentrates in aquatic organisms.

n-Butanol (n-Butyl Alcohol) (CAS: 71-36-3)

**Sources.** n-Butanol is used extensively for thinning paints and equipment cleaning.

**Toxicity.** Short-term exposure usually results in depression of the central nervous system, hypotension, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Butanols may cause gastrointestinal hemorrhaging. Eye contact may cause burning and blurred vision. Hypotension and cardiac arrhythmias may occur. Inhaling n-butanol may cause pulmonary edema. Headache, dizziness, and giddiness may occur. Liver injury may occur but is probably rare. Dermatitis and hypoglycemia may result from exposure to this chemical. Chronic exposure may result in dry, cracked skin, and eye inflammation. Workers have exhibited systemic effects of the auditory nerve as well as vestibular injury.

**Carcinogenicity.** There are currently no long-term studies in humans or animals to suggest that this chemical is carcinogenic. Based on this evidence, U.S. EPA has indicated that this chemical cannot be classified as to its human carcinogenicity. There is some evidence of chromosomal abnormalities in short-term tests in bacteria and hamster cells, which may suggest potential carcinogenicity.

**Environmental Fate.** This chemical may volatilize from soil surface. In addition, the chemical may biodegrade from the soil, and leach to groundwater. n-Butanol released to water is expected to biodegrade and volatilize from the water surface, and is not expected to bioconcentrate in fish. People are exposed primarily from contact with products containing n-butanol.

Copper and Copper Compounds (CAS: 7440-50-8)

**Sources.** Copper and copper compounds are commonly used as biocides in anti-fouling paints. Many ship parts requiring anti-corrosive characteristics (e.g., piping) are fabricated or plated with copper and copper alloys.

**Toxicity.** Metallic copper probably has little or no toxicity, although copper salts are more toxic. Inhalation of copper oxide fumes and dust has been shown to cause metal fume fever, irritation of the upper respiratory tract, nausea, sneezing, coughing, chills, aching muscles, gastric pain, and diarrhea. However, the respiratory symptoms may be due to a non-specific reaction to the inhaled dust as a foreign body in the lung, and the gastrointestinal symptoms may be attributed to the conversion of copper to copper salts in the body.

It is unclear whether long-term copper poisoning exists in humans. Some have related certain central nervous system disorders, such as giddiness, loss of appetite, excessive perspiration, and drowsiness to copper poisoning. Long-term exposure to copper may also cause hair, skin, and teeth discoloration, apparently without other adverse effects.

People at special risk from exposure to copper include those with impaired pulmonary function, especially those with obstructive airway diseases, since the breathing of copper fumes might cause exacerbation of pre-existing symptoms due to its irritant properties.

Ecologically, copper is a trace element essential to many plants and animals. However, high levels of copper in soil can be directly toxic to certain soil microorganisms and can disrupt important microbial processes in soil, such as nitrogen and phosphorus cycling.

**Carcinogenicity.** There is currently no evidence to suggest that this chemical is carcinogenic.

**Environmental Fate.** Copper is typically found in the environment as a solid metal in soils and soil sediment in surface water. There is no evidence that biotransformation processes have a significant bearing on the fate and transport of copper in water.

Styrene (CAS: 100-42-5)

**Sources.** Styrene is a major constituent of fiberglass resins and gelcoats.

**Toxicity.** Short-term exposure may cause irritation to eyes, lungs, stomach, and skin. Problems may occur in the central nervous system as a result of serious exposure and may also occur in the peripheral nervous system. Short-term exposure from inhalation is commonly associated with “styrene sickness”, which includes vomiting, loss of appetite, and a drunken feeling. Short-term exposure also irritates the respiratory tract, and is associated with asthma and pulmonary edema.

Long-term exposure in those working with styrene has been associated with impaired nervous system functions including memory, learning, and motor skills and impaired psychiatric functioning. Styrene may also cause gene mutations and birth defects. Styrene has been shown to cause liver damage.

**Carcinogenicity.** The International Agency for Research on Cancer notes that evidence of carcinogenicity in experimental animals indicates that styrene is a possible carcinogen in humans. However, U.S. EPA is currently reviewing the evidence for carcinogenicity of styrene, and may arrive at a different decision.

**Environmental Fate and Potential for Human Exposure.** If styrene is released to air, it will quickly react with hydroxyl radicals and ozone. At night, air concentrations of styrene will degrade by reacting with nitrate radicals. Styrene released to water volatilizes and biodegrades, but does not hydrolyze. In soil, styrene biodegrades and is fairly immobile in soil. Styrene has been found in drinking water, but not in 945 groundwater supplies. The chemical has been found in industrial effluents and in air surrounding industrial sources and in urban areas. The chemical has been found in some food packaged in polystyrene containers.

**IV.C. Other Data Sources**

The toxic chemical release data obtained from TRI captures only about seven percent of the facilities in the shipbuilding and repair industry. However, it allows for a comparison across years and industry sectors. Reported chemicals are limited to the approximately 600 TRI chemicals. A large portion of the emissions from shipbuilding and repair facilities, therefore, are not captured by TRI. The EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards has compiled air pollutant emission factors for determining the total air emissions of priority pollutants (e.g., total hydrocarbons, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, particulates, etc.) from many shipbuilding and repair sources.

The Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS) contains a wide range of information related to stationary sources of air pollution, including the emissions of a number of air pollutants which may be of concern within a particular industry. With the exception of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), there is little overlap with the TRI chemicals reported above. Table 9 summarizes annual releases (from the industries for which a Sector Notebook Profile was prepared) of carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), particulate matter of 10 microns or less (PM<sub>10</sub>), total particulate matter (PT), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

<b>Table 9: Air Pollutant Releases (tons/year)</b>						
<b>Industry Sector</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>NO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>PM<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>PT</b>	<b>SO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>VOC</b>
Metal Mining	4,670	39,849	63,541	173,566	17,690	915
Nonmetal Mining	25,922	22,881	40,199	128,661	18,000	4,002
Lumber and Wood Production	122,061	38,042	20,456	64,650	9,401	55,983
Furniture and Fixtures	2,754	1,872	2,502	4,827	1,538	67,604
Pulp and Paper	566,883	358,675	35,030	111,210	493,313	127,809
Printing	8,755	3,542	405	1,198	1,684	103,018
Inorganic Chemicals	153,294	106,522	6,703	34,664	194,153	65,427
Organic Chemicals	112,410	187,400	14,596	16,053	176,115	180,350
Petroleum Refining	734,630	355,852	27,497	36,141	619,775	313,982
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	2,200	9,955	2,618	5,182	21,720	132,945
Stone, Clay and Concrete	105,059	340,639	192,962	662,233	308,534	34,337
Iron and Steel	1,386,461	153,607	83,938	87,939	232,347	83,882
Nonferrous Metals	214,243	31,136	10,403	24,654	253,538	11,058
Fabricated Metals	4,925	11,104	1,019	2,790	3,169	86,472
Electronics and Computers	356	1,501	224	385	741	4,866
Motor Vehicles, Bodies, Parts and Accessories	15,109	27,355	1,048	3,699	20,378	96,338
Dry Cleaning	102	184	3	27	155	7,441
Ground Transportation	128,625	550,551	2,569	5,489	8,417	104,824
Metal Casting	116,538	11,911	10,995	20,973	6,513	19,031
Pharmaceuticals	6,586	19,088	1,576	4,425	21,311	37,214
Plastic Resins and Manmade Fibers	16,388	41,771	2,218	7,546	67,546	74,138
Textiles	8,177	34,523	2,028	9,479	43,050	27,768
Power Generation	366,208	5,986,757	140,760	464,542	13,827,511	57,384
<b>Shipbuilding and Repair</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>862</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>943</b>	<b>3,051</b>	<b>3,967</b>

Source: U.S. EPA Office of Air and Radiation, AIRS Database, 1997.

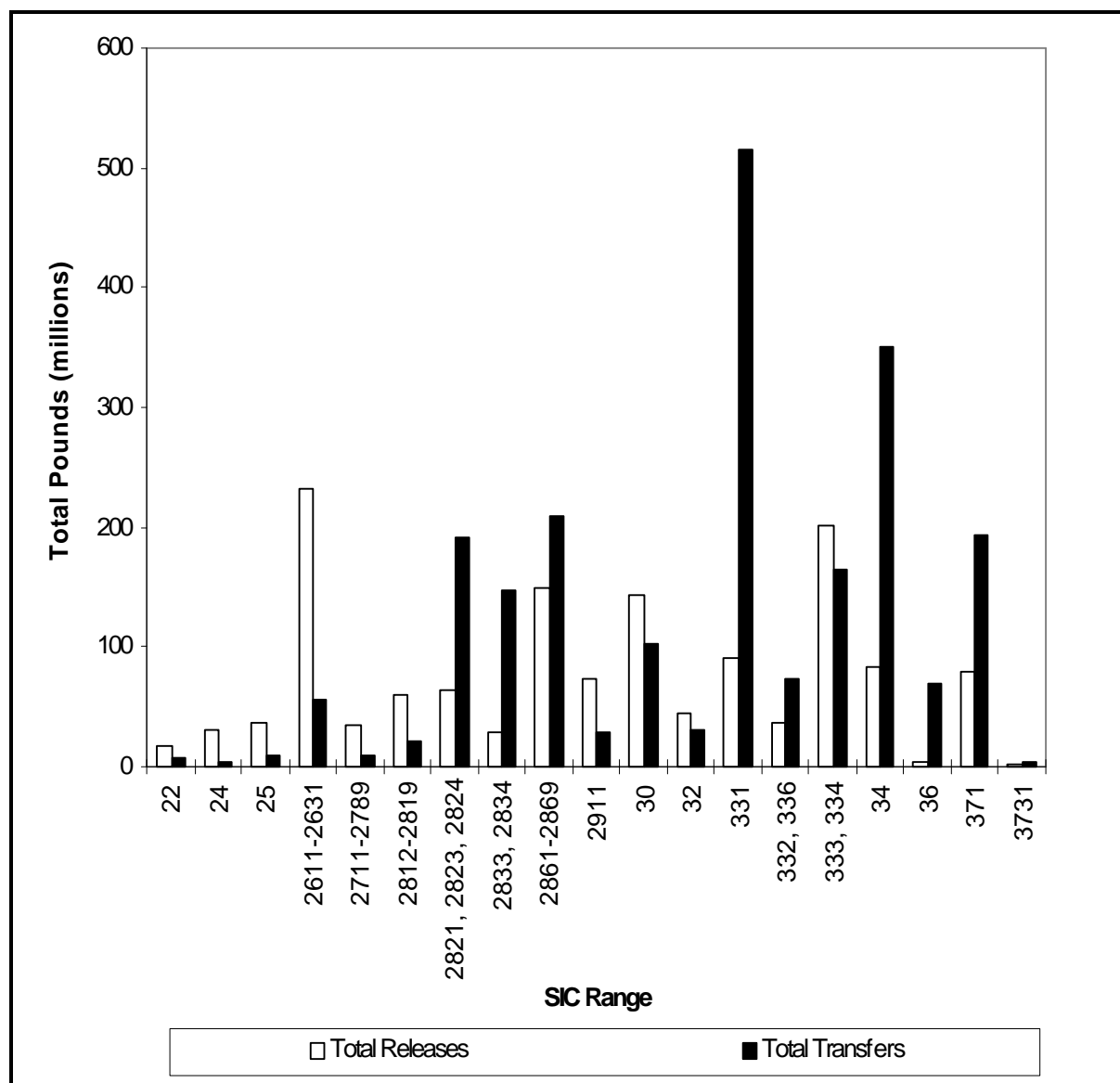


**IV.D. Comparison of Toxic Release Inventory Between Selected Industries**

The following information is presented as a comparison of pollutant release and transfer data across industrial categories. It is provided to give a general sense as to the relative scale of TRI releases and transfers within each sector profiled under this project. Please note that the following figure and table do not contain releases and transfers for industrial categories that are not included in this project, and thus cannot be used to draw conclusions regarding the total release and transfer amounts that are reported to TRI. Similar information is available within the annual TRI Public Data Release Book.

Figure 10 is a graphical representation of a summary of the 1995 TRI data for the shipbuilding and repair industry and the other sectors profiled in separate notebooks. The bar graph presents the total TRI releases and total transfers on the vertical axis. The graph is based on the data shown in Table 10 and is meant to facilitate comparisons between the relative amounts of releases, transfers, and releases per facility both within and between these sectors. The reader should note, however, that differences in the proportion of facilities captured by TRI exist between industry sectors. This can be a factor of poor SIC matching and relative differences in the number of facilities reporting to TRI from the various sectors. In the case of the shipbuilding and repair industry, the 1995 TRI data presented here covers 43 facilities. These facilities listed SIC 3731 (Shipbuilding and Repair) as primary SIC codes.

Figure 6: Summary of TRI Releases and Transfers by Industry



Source: US EPA 1995 Toxics Release Inventory Database.

SIC Range	Industry Sector	SIC Range	Industry Sector	SIC Range	Industry Sector
22	Textiles	2833, 2834	Pharmaceuticals	333, 334	Nonferrous Metals
24	Lumber and Wood Products	2861-2869	Organic Chem. Mfg.	34	Fabricated Metals
25	Furniture and Fixtures	2911	Petroleum Refining	36	Electronic Equip. and Comp.
2611-2631	Pulp and Paper	30	Rubber and Misc. Plastics	371	Motor Vehicles, Bodies, Parts, and Accessories
2711-2789	Printing	32	Stone, Clay, and Concrete	3731	Shipbuilding and Repair
2812-2819	Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing	331	Iron and Steel		
2821, 2823, 2824	Plastic Resins and Manmade Fibers	332, 336	Metal Casting		

Table 10: Toxics Release Inventory Data for Selected Industries

Industry Sector	SIC Range	# TRI Facilities	TRI Releases		TRI Transfers		Total Releases + Transfers (million lbs)	Average Releases + Transfers per Facility (pounds)
			Total Releases (million lbs.)	Ave. Releases per Facility (pounds)	Total Transfers (million lbs.)	Ave. Trans. per Facility (pounds)		
Textiles	22	339	17.8	53,000	7.0	21,000	24.8	74,000
Lumber and Wood Products	24	397	30.0	76,000	4.1	10,000	34.1	86,000
Furniture and Fixtures	25	336	37.6	112,000	9.9	29,000	47.5	141,000
Pulp and Paper	2611-2631	305	232.6	763,000	56.5	185,000	289.1	948,000
Printing	2711-2789	262	33.9	129,000	10.4	40,000	44.3	169,000
Inorganic Chem. Mfg.	2812-2819	413	60.7	468,000	21.7	191,000	438.5	659,000
Plastic Resins and Manmade Fibers	2821, 2823, 2824	410	64.1	156,000	192.4	469,000	256.5	625,000
Pharmaceuticals	2833, 2834	200	29.9	150,000	147.2	736,000	177.1	886,000
Organic Chemical Mfg.	2861-2869	402	148.3	598,000	208.6	631,000	946.8	1,229,000
Petroleum Refining	2911	180	73.8	410,000	29.2	162,000	103.0	572,000
Rubber and Misc. Plastics	30	1,947	143.1	73,000	102.6	53,000	245.7	126,000
Stone, Clay, and Concrete	32	623	43.9	70,000	31.8	51,000	75.7	121,000
Iron and Steel	331	423	90.7	214,000	513.9	1,215,000	604.6	1,429,000
Metal Casting	332, 336	654	36.0	55,000	73.9	113,000	109.9	168,000
Nonferrous Metals	333, 334	282	201.7	715,000	164	582,000	365.7	1,297,000
Fabricated Metals	34	2,676	83.5	31,000	350.5	131,000	434.0	162,000
Electronics and Computers	36	407	4.3	11,000	68.8	169,000	73.1	180,000
Motor Vehicles, Bodies, Parts, and Accessories	371	754	79.3	105,000	194	257,000	273.3	362,000
<b>Shipbuilding and Repair</b>	<b>3731</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>55,000</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>94,000</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>149,000</b>

Source: US EPA Toxics Release Inventory Database, 1995.

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## V. POLLUTION PREVENTION OPPORTUNITIES

The best way to reduce pollution is to prevent it in the first place. Some companies have creatively implemented pollution prevention techniques that improve efficiency and increase profits while at the same time minimizing environmental impacts. This can be done in many ways such as reducing material inputs, re-engineering processes to reuse by-products, improving management practices, and employing substitution of toxic chemicals. Some smaller facilities are able to actually get below regulatory thresholds just by reducing pollutant releases through aggressive pollution prevention policies.

The Pollution Prevention Act of 1990 established a national policy of managing waste through source reduction, which means preventing the generation of waste. The Pollution Prevention Act also established as national policy a hierarchy of waste management options for situations in which source reduction cannot be implemented feasibly. In the waste management hierarchy, if source reduction is not feasible the next alternative is recycling of wastes, followed by energy recovery, and waste treatment as a last alternative.

In order to encourage these approaches, this section provides both general and company-specific descriptions of some pollution prevention advances that have been implemented within the shipbuilding and repair industry. While the list is not exhaustive, it does provide core information that can be used as the starting point for facilities interested in beginning their own pollution prevention projects. This section provides summary information from activities that may be, or are being implemented by this sector. When possible, information is provided that gives the context in which the technique can be used effectively. Please note that the activities described in this section do not necessarily apply to all facilities that fall within this sector. Facility-specific conditions must be carefully considered when pollution prevention options are evaluated, and the full impacts of the change must examine how each option affects air, land and water pollutant releases.

Much of the information contained in this Section was obtained from *Hazardous Waste Minimization Guide for Shipyards*, produced by the National Shipbuilding Research Program (NSRP) in cooperation with the U.S. Navy and National Steel and Shipbuilding Company (NASSCO). The Guide provides an extensive discussion of pollution prevention opportunities available to shipyards which could not all be reproduced in this document. For further details on pollution prevention opportunities for shipyards, readers are encouraged to consult the Guide and the additional references listed in Section IX of this sector notebook. In addition, many of the pollution prevention opportunities listed in the *Profile of the Fabricated Metal Products Industry Sector Notebook* can also be applied to the shipbuilding and repair industry.

## V.A. Surface Preparation

The majority of wastes generated during surface preparation are spent abrasives mixed with paint chips. One way the volume of waste generated can be reduced is by using blast media that is relatively easy to reuse. Some abrasives, such as mineral abrasives, are not easily reused. Copper slag has a very low reuse factor and in general, can be used no more than twice before breaking down.

### *Steel Shot and Grit*

One of the most widely used reusable abrasives is steel grit, which is a crushed form of steel shot. While slags and sands can only be used a couple of times, steel abrasives can be used 50 times or more. With reused steel abrasive, care must be taken to watch that the abrasive does not become rounded. The abrasive works best if it has a sharp angular shape. Steel shot and grit require a high initial outlay of capital, but they can be used repeatedly to the point that they are more cost effective than copper slag. This medium is only deemed hazardous when it is contaminated with a sufficient amount of paint chips.

### *Improving Recyclability of Abrasive Blasting Media*

In order to realize the maximum usage of reusable grit, measures must be taken to ensure it can be reused. Some media, such as steel shot, can be reused hundreds of times. It is important that the used grit is recovered as much as possible. With wheelabrator type equipment, this is done automatically. The used abrasive may be vacuumed up or mechanically fed to the blasting equipment. Containment of the abrasive allows it to be recovered, where otherwise it could suffer from loss to overspray. Protection from the weather, such as rain, will also prolong the life of the grit. It is very important that waste streams, especially hazardous waste, are not mixed with used blasting media. Outside debris and other waste could render the grit unfit for reuse.

Often, air powered cleaning equipment is used to screen abrasive to separate it from large paint particles. These systems may also remove lighter dust from the heavy abrasive. This media separation can be especially important when the paint being removed contains heavy metals. An alternative to on-site reclamation is to send it for processing off-site.

### *Plastic Media Blasting*

As a substitute for other blast media, the military has experimented extensively with plastic media stripping. This process is particularly good for stripping coatings from parts with fragile substrates such as zinc, aluminum, and fiberglass. It can be a lengthy process because it strips paint layer by layer.

The same types and quantities of waste are generated as with grit blasting, but the plastic medium is more recyclable with the use of pneumatic media classifiers that are part of the stripping equipment. The only waste requiring disposal is the paint waste itself. However, the use of plastic media is fairly limited in shipyards. Plastic blasting media do not work well on epoxy paints. In addition, the blasting equipment is expensive and requires trained operators.

#### *Water Jet Stripping (Hydroblasting)*

Hydroblasting is a cavitating high pressure water jet stripping system that can remove most paints. These system may use pressures as high as 50,000 psig. Hydroblasting is an excellent method for removing even hard coatings from metal substrates. The process can be used for stripping hulls, removing scales and deposits from heat exchangers, and removing rubber liners. Some systems automatically remove the paint chips or stripped material from the water and reuse the water for further blasting. By recirculating the water in this manner, the amount of waste is greatly reduced. Wastewater from this process is usually suitable for sewer disposal after the paint particles are removed. Although this process produces very little waste, it is not always as efficient as abrasive grit blasting and has relatively high capital and maintenance costs.

### **V.B. Painting and Coating**

Painting and coating operations are typically the largest single source of VOC emissions from shipyards. In addition, paint waste can account for more than half of the total hazardous waste generated at shipyards. Paint waste at a shipyard may include leftover paint in containers, overspray, paint that is no longer usable (Non-spec paint), and rags and other materials contaminated with paint. In many cases, the amount of paint waste generated can be reduced through the use of improved equipment, alternative coatings, and good operating practices.

Regulations under the CAA aimed at reducing VOC emissions by limiting VOC content in paints were finalized in 1996. Shipyards required to comply with these rules and wishing to implement the pollution prevention options discussed below, should consult the regulations to determine the practical and legal implications of these options.

#### **V.B.1. Application Equipment**

In order to effectively reduce paint waste and produce a quality coating, proper application techniques should be supplemented with efficient application equipment. Through the use of equipment with high transfer efficiencies, the amount of paint lost to overspray is minimized.

*High Volume Low Pressure (HVL) Spray Guns*

The HVL spray gun is basically a conventional air spray gun with modifications and special nozzles that atomize the paint at very low air pressures. The atomizing pressure of HVL systems is often below 10 psi. The design of this gun allows better transfer efficiency and reduced overspray than that of conventional air guns. The low application pressure decreases excessive bounceback and allows better adhesion of the coating to the substrate.

Although improvements are consistently being made to overcome its limitations, most HVL systems have some definite drawbacks, including difficulty atomizing viscous coatings, sensitivity to variations in incoming pressure, sensitivity to wind, and slow application rates.

*Airless Spray Guns*

Instead of air passing through the spray gun, an airless system applies static pressure to the liquid paint. As the paint passes through the nozzle, the sudden drop in pressure atomizes the paint and it is carried to the substrate by its own momentum. Pressure is applied to the paint by a pump located at a remote supply. These systems have become favorable over conventional air-spray systems for three main reasons: 1) reduced overspray and rebound, 2) high application rates and transfer efficiency, and 3) permits the use of high-build coatings with the result that fewer coats are required to achieve specific film thickness.

One major disadvantage of some airless spray systems is the difficulty applying very thin coats. If coatings with less than a mil in thickness are required, such as primers applied to objects that require weld ability, it may be difficult to use an airless system.

*Electrostatic Spray*

Electrostatic spray system utilize paint droplets that are given a negative charge in the vicinity of a positively charged substrate. The droplets are attracted to the substrate and a uniform coating is formed. This system works well on cylindrical and rounded objects due to its "wrap-around" effect that nearly allows the object to be coated from one side. Very little paint is lost to overspray, and it has been noted to have a transfer efficiency of over 95%.

In order for an electrostatic system to operate properly, the correct solvent balance is needed. The evaporation rate must be slow enough for the charged droplets to reach the substrate in a fluid condition to flow out into a smooth film, but fast enough to avoid sagging. The resistivity of the paint must also be low enough to enable the paint droplets to acquire the maximum charge.



Although the operating costs of electrostatic spray systems are relatively low, the initial capital investment can be high. This system has been found to work extremely well in small parts painting applications. Sometimes the installation of an electrostatic powder coating system can replace a water curtain spray paint booth.

### *Heated Spray*

When paint is heated, its viscosity is reduced allowing it to be applied with a higher solids content, thus requiring less solvent. When the paint is heated in a special container and supplied to the gun at 140° to 160°F, coatings of 2 to 4 mils dry-film thickness can be applied in one operation, resulting in considerable savings in labor cost. In addition, much of the associated solvent emissions are eliminated.

Heating the coating prior to application can be used with both conventional and airless spray applications. An in-line heater is used to heat the coating before it reaches the gun. As the coating is propelled through the air, it cools rapidly and increases viscosity after it hits the surface, allowing for better adhesion to the substrate.

### *Plural Component Systems*

A common problem that shipyards face when working with two-part coatings is overmixing. Once the component parts of a catalyst coating are mixed, the coating must be applied. Otherwise, the excess unused coating will cure and require disposal. Additionally, the coating equipment must be cleaned immediately after use.

One large advantage of plural component technology is the elimination of paint waste generated by mixing an excess amount of a two part coating. This is achieved through the use of a special mixing chamber that mixes the pigment and catalyst seconds before the coating is applied. Each component is pumped through a device that controls the mixing ratio and then is combined in a mixing chamber. From the mixing chamber, the mixed coating travels directly to the spray guns. The only cleaning that is required is the mixing chamber, gun, and the length of supply hose connecting them.

### *Recycle Paint Booth Water*

Various methods and equipment are used to reduce or eliminate the discharge of the water used in water-wash booths (water curtain). These methods and equipment prevent the continuous discharge of booth waters by conditioning (i.e., adding detacifiers and paint-dispersing polymers) and removing paint solids. The most basic form of water maintenance is the removal of paint solids by manual skimming and/or raking. This can be performed without

water conditioning since some portion of solvent-based paints usually float and/or sink. With the use of detacifiers and paint-dispersing polymer treatments, more advanced methods of solids removal can be implemented. Some common methods are discussed below.

Wet-Vacuum Filtration. Wet-vacuum filtration units consist of an industrial wet-vacuum head on a steel drum containing a filter bag. The unit is used to vacuum paint sludge from the booth. The solids are filtered by the bag and the water is returned to the booth. Large vacuum units are also commercially available that can be moved from booth to booth by forklift or permanently installed near a large booth.

Tank-Side Weir. A weir can be attached to the side of a side-draft booth tank, allowing floating material to overflow from the booth and be pumped to a filtering tank for dewatering.

Consolidator. A consolidator is a separate tank into which booth water is pumped. The water is then conditioned by the introduction of chemicals. Detacified paint floats to the surface of the tank, where it is skimmed by a continuously moving blade. The clean water is recycled to the booth.

Filtration. Various types of filtration units are used to remove paint solids from booth water. This is accomplished by pumping the booth water to the unit where the solids are separated and returning the water to the booth. The simplest filtration unit consists of a gravity filter bed utilizing paper or cloth media. Vacuum filters are also employed, some of which require precoating with diatomaceous earth.

Centrifuge Methods. Two common types of centrifugal separators are the hydrocyclone and the centrifuge. The hydrocyclone is used to concentrate solids. The paint booth water enters a cone-shaped unit under pressure and spins around the inside surface. The spinning imparts an increased force of gravity, which causes most of the solid particles to be pulled outward to the walls of the cone. Treated water exits the top of the unit and the solids exit from the bottom. Some systems have secondary filtration devices to further process the solids. The centrifuge works in a similar manner, except that the booth water enters a spinning drum, which imparts the centrifugal force needed for separating the water and solids. Efficient centrifugation requires close control of the booth water chemistry to ensure a uniform feed. Also, auxiliary equipment such as booth water agitation equipment may be needed (EPA, 1995).

#### *Convert Wash-Water Booths to Dry Filter Booths*

Water-wash booths can be converted to or replaced by dry filter booths. The dry filter booths have the potential to eliminate the discharge of wastewater,

but they create a solid waste stream. The choice between using a water-wash booth or a dry filter booth is primarily based on the quantity of overspray. It is usually cost effective to use a dry filter booth when paint usage does not exceed 20 gallons/8 hour shift/10 feet of chamber width.

A 1989 Navy study concluded that conversion from wet to dry booths can be cost effectively performed over a range of operational scenarios. The Navy work included a survey of military and industrial facilities that have successfully made the conversion and an economic analysis based on typical Navy painting operational parameters (EPA, 1995).

### **V.B.2. Alternative Coatings**

The use of solvent-based coatings can lead to high costs to meet air and water quality regulations. In efforts to reduce the quantity and toxicity of waste paint disposal, alternative coatings have been developed that do not require the use of solvents and thinners.

#### *Powder Coatings*

Metal substrates can be coated with certain resins by applying the powdered resin to the surface, followed by application of heat. The heat melts the resin, causing it to flow and form a uniform coating. The three main methods in use for applying the powder coating are fluidized bed, electrostatic spray, and flame spraying.

Flame spraying is the most applicable method for shipyards. The resin powder is blown through the gun by compressed air. The particles are melted in a high temperature flame and propelled against the substrate. This process is used widely with epoxy powders for aluminum surfaces.

The electrostatic application method uses the same principles as the electrostatic spray. The resin powder is applied to the surface electrostatically. Heat is applied to the covered surface and the powder melts to form the coating. The transfer efficiency and recyclability of this method is very high.

The elimination of environmental problems associated with many liquid based systems is one of the major advantages of powder coatings. The use of powder coatings eliminates the need for solvents and thereby emits negligible volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Powder coatings also reduce the waste associated with unused two-part coatings that have already been mixed. Since powder overspray can be recycled, material utilization is high and solid waste generation is low. Recent case studies demonstrate that powder coating systems can be cleaner, more efficient, and more environmentally acceptable, while producing a higher quality finish than many other coating systems.

*Water-Based Paints*

Water-based coatings are paints containing a substantial amount of water instead of volatile solvents. Alkyd, polyester, acrylic, and epoxy polymers can be dissolved and dispersed by water. In addition to reduction in environmental hazards due to substantially lower air emissions, a decrease in the amount of hazardous paint sludge generated can reduce disposal cost.

The application for water-based coatings in the shipyard are limited. Some of the areas of use may include the inside of the superstructure of a vessel, and other surfaces that are protected from extreme conditions.

**V.B.3. Good Operating Practices**

In many cases, simply altering a painting process can reduce wastes through better management.

*Coating Application*

A good manual coating application technique is very important in reducing waste. Most shipyards rely primarily on spraying methods for coating application. If not properly executed, spraying techniques have a high potential for creating waste; therefore, proper application techniques are very important.

Reducing Overspray One of the most common means of producing paint waste at shipyards is overspray. Overspray not only wastes some of the coating, it also presents environmental and health hazards. It is important that shipyards try to reduce the amount of overspray as much as possible. Techniques for reducing overspray include: 1) triggering the paint gun at the end of each pass instead of carrying the gun past the edge of the surface before reversing directions, 2) avoiding excessive air pressure, and 3) keeping the gun perpendicular to the surface being coated.

Uniform Finish Application of a good uniform finish provides the surface with quality coating with a higher performance than an uneven finish. An uneven coating does not dry evenly and commonly results in using excess paint.

Overlap An overlap of 50 percent can reduce the amount of waste by increasing the production rate and overall application efficiency. Overlap of 50 percent means that for every pass that the operator makes with the spray gun, 50 percent of the area covered by the previous pass is also sprayed. If less than a 50 percent overlap is used, the coated surface may appear streaked. If more than a 50 percent overlap is used, the coating is wasted and more passes are required to coat the surface.

*General Housekeeping*

Small quantities of paint and solvents are frequently lost due to poor housekeeping techniques. There are a variety of ways that can be implemented to control and minimize spills and leaks. Specific approaches to product transfer methods and container handling can effectively reduce product loss.

The potential for accidents and spills is at the highest point when thinners and paints are being transferred from bulk drum storage to the process equipment. Spigots, pumps, and funnels should be used whenever possible.

Evaporation can be controlled by using tight fitting lids, spigots, and other equipment. The reduction in evaporation will increase the amount of available material and result in lower solvent purchase cost.

*Paint Containers*

A significant portion of paint waste is the paint that remains inside a container after the container is emptied, and paint that is placed in storage, not used, and becomes outdated or non-spec. Shipyards should try to consolidate paint use to facilitate the purchase of paint in bulk. Since large bulk containers have less surface area than an equivalent volume of small cans, the amount of drag-on paint waste is reduced. Large bulk containers can sometimes be returned to the paint supplier to be cleaned for reuse.

If the purchase of paint in bulk containers is not practical, the paint should be purchased in the smallest amount required to minimize outdated or non-spec paint waste. Workers should not have to open a gallon can when only a quart is required. Usually, any paint that is left in the can will require disposal as hazardous waste.

**V.C. Metal Plating and Surface Finishing**

Pollution prevention opportunities in metal plating and surface finishing operations are discussed in detail in NSRP's *Hazardous Waste Minimization Guide for Shipyards* and in the *Profile of the Fabricated Metal Products Industry Sector Notebook*. Readers are encouraged to consult these documents for pollution prevention information relating to metal plating and surface finishing.

## V.D. Fiberglass Reinforced Construction

### *Material Application*

Major waste reduction is available by optimizing material application processes. These processes include spray delivery systems and non-spray resin application methods. Non-spray application methods include closed mold systems, vacuum bag mold systems, resin roller dispensers, prespray fiber reinforcing, and in-house resin impregnation. These no-spray techniques reduce material waste and energy costs during application. The lower application pressures reduce the cost and maintenance of pressure lines, pumps, controls, and fittings. Routine cleanups of work areas are also reduced.

### *Spray Delivery Systems*

The fabrication process for fiberglass construction and the wastes produced are highly dependent on the equipment and procedures used. The current system of resin and gelcoat delivery systems include high-pressure air, medium-pressure airless, and low-pressure air-assisted airless spray guns.

- The high-pressure air system is used less due to the large amount of expensive high-pressure compressed air required and significant air emissions generated.
- The airless method produces a pressurized resin stream electrostatically atomized through a nozzle. The nozzle orifice and spray angle can be varied by using different tips. The size of the orifice affects the delivery efficiency, with larger orifices resulting in greater raw material loss. Airless spray guns are considered to be very efficient in the delivery of resin to the work surface.
- The air-assisted airless technology modifies the airless gun by introducing pressurized air on the outer edge of the resin stream as it exits the pressure nozzle. The air stream forms an envelope which focuses the resin to follow a controllable spray pattern. Since more resin ends up on the mold with this technology, the amount of spraying is reduced leading to a reduction in air emissions. It is estimated that a savings of 5 to 20 percent in net loss of resin spray waste for the air-assisted airless gun is achieved compared to the airless gun.

*Resin Roller Application*

This application uses pumped resin and catalyst from drums or bulk containers. The resin and catalyst are precisely metered in a gun-type line much like the paint plural component systems. A resin roller dispenser transfers the catalyzed resin to the mold surface. This eliminates the material lost due to overspray and bounceback of the resin. Air emissions are also greatly reduced with this type of delivery system.

*Thermoplastic Resins*

Thermoplastic resins have the advantage of being easily recycled by applying heat which returns the resin to a liquid state. In its liquid state, the resin can be reused in the manufacture of other fiberglass components in shipbuilding. The use of thermoplastics offers faster curing cycles, lower emission during processing, lower costs per pound of raw material used, ease of recycling material, and, in some cases, lower labor costs. With the recent advances in the processing technologies and thermoplastic resin systems, the shipbuilding industries are reexamining the application of thermoplastics versus thermosets material systems.

**V.E. Solvent Cleaning and Degreasing**

Shipyards often use large quantities of solvents in a variety of cleaning and degreasing operations including parts cleaning, process equipment cleaning, and surface preparation for coating applications. The final cost of solvent used for various cleanup operations is nearly twice the original purchase price of the virgin solvent. The additional cost is primarily due to the fact that for each drum purchased, extra disposal cost, hazardous materials transportation cost, and manifesting time and expense are incurred. With the rising cost of solvents and waste disposal services, combined with continuously developing regulation, reducing the quantities of solvents used and solvent wastes generated can be extremely cost effective.

*Eliminating the Use of Solvents*

Eliminating the use of solvents avoids any waste generation associated with spent solvent. Elimination can be achieved by utilization of non-solvent cleaning agents or eliminating the need for cleaning altogether. Solvent elimination applications include the use of water-soluble cutting fluids, protective peel coatings, aqueous cleaners, and mechanical cleaning systems.

Water-soluble Cutting Fluids. Water-soluble cutting fluids can often be used in place of oil-based fluids. The cutting oils usually consist of an oil-in-water emulsion used to reduce friction and dissipate heat. If these fluids need to be removed after the machining process is complete, solvents may be needed.

In efforts to eliminate solvent degreasing and its subsequent waste, special water-soluble cutting fluids have been developed. Systems are available that can clean the cutting fluid and recycle the material back to the cutting operation. Obstacles to implementing this method are: cost (water-soluble fluids are generally more expensive), procurement (there are only a few suppliers available), and the inability to quickly switch between fluid types without thoroughly cleaning the equipment.

Aqueous Cleaners Aqueous cleaners, such as alkali, citric, and caustic base, are often useful substitutes for solvents. There are many formulations that are suited for a variety of cleaning requirements. Many aqueous cleaners have been found to be as effective as the halogenated solvents that are commonly employed.

The advantages of substituting aqueous cleaners include minimizing worker's exposure to solvent vapors, reducing liability and disposal problems associated with solvent use, and cost. Aqueous cleaners do not volatilize as quickly as other solvents, thereby reducing losses due to evaporation. Since most aqueous cleaners are biodegradable, disposal is not a problem once the organic or inorganic contaminants are removed.

The use of aqueous cleaners can also result in cost savings. Although some aqueous cleaners may cost less than an equivalent amount of solvent, the purchase price of each is about the same. The cost of disposal, loss due to evaporation, and associated liabilities, however, favor aqueous cleaners.

The disadvantages of aqueous cleaners in place of solvents may include: possible inability of the aqueous cleaners to provide the degree of cleaning required, incompatibility between the parts being cleaned and the cleaning solution, need to modify or replace existing equipment, and problems associated with moisture left on parts being cleaned. Oils removed from the parts during cleaning may float on the surface of the cleaning solution and may interfere with subsequent cleaning. Oil skimming is usually required.

Mechanical Cleaning Systems Utilizing mechanical cleaning systems can also replace solvents in degreasing and cleaning operations. In many cases, a high pressure steam gun or high pressure parts washer can clean parts and surfaces quicker and to the same degree of cleanliness as that of the solvents they replace. Light detergents can be added to the water supply for improved cleaning. The waste produced by these systems is usually oily wastewater. This wastewater can be sent through an oil/water separator, the removed water discharged to the sewer, and the oil residue sent to a petroleum recycler. Some hot water wash and steam systems can be supplemented by emulsifying solutions to speed the process. Although these additives speed the cleaning process, they can make separation of the oil from the water very difficult and create problems with disposal of the waste.



Non-Solvent Based Paint Stripping Non-solvent based paint stripping methods are viable substitutes for solvent stripping. Paint stripping is normally performed by soaking, spraying, or brushing surfaces with a stripping agent such as methylene chloride, chromates, phenols, or strong acids. After the agent has remained on the parts for a period, the surface is rinsed with water and the loosened paint is sprayed or brushed off. The alternatives to solvent stripping agents include aqueous stripping agents, use of abrasives, cryogenic stripping, and thermal stripping.

Aqueous stripping agents, such as caustic soda (NaOH), are often employed in place of methylene chloride based strippers. Caustic solutions have the advantage of eliminating solvent vapor emissions. A typical caustic bath consists of about 40 percent caustic solution heated to about 200 degrees Fahrenheit. Caustic stripping is generally effective on alkyl resins and oil paints.

Cryogenic stripping utilizes liquid nitrogen and non-abrasive plastic beads as blasting shot. This method relies on the freezing effect of the liquid nitrogen and the impact of the plastic shot. Subjecting the surface to extremely low temperatures creates stress between the coating and the substrate causing the coating to become brittle. When the plastic shot hits the brittle coating, debonding occurs. The process is non-abrasive, and will not damage the substrate, but effects of the metal shrinkage, due to extremely low temperatures, should be monitored. The process does not produce liquid wastes, and nitrogen, chemically inert, is already present in the atmosphere (U.S. EPA, March 1997).

The most common form of non-solvent paint stripping in shipyards is the use of abrasive blasting. The use of various metallic grit propelled at high pressure against the surface is very effective to remove marine coatings.

Thermal stripping methods can be useful for objects that cannot be immersed. In this process, superheated air is directed against the surface of the object. The high temperatures cause some paints to flake off. The removal results from the drying effects of the air and the uneven expansion of the paint and the substrate. Some paints will melt at high temperatures, allowing the paint to be scraped off. Hand-held units are available that produce a jet of hot air. Electric units and open flame or torch units are also used. While this system is easy to implement, it is limited to items that are not heat sensitive and to coatings that are affected by the heat.

### *Reducing the Use of Solvent*

By eliminating the use or need for solvent cleaning, the problems associated with disposal of spent solvent are also eliminated. In cases where the elimination of solvent use is not possible or practical, utilization of various

solvent waste reduction techniques can lead to a substantial savings in solvent waste.

Methods of reducing solvent usage can be divided into three categories: source control of air emissions, efficient use of solvent and equipment, and maintaining solvent quality. Source control of air emissions addresses ways in which more of the solvent can be kept inside a container or cleaning tank by reducing the chances for evaporation loss. Efficient use of solvent and equipment through better operating procedures can reduce the amount of solvent required for cleaning. Maintaining the quality of solvent will extend the lifecycle effectiveness of the solvent.

Source Control of Air Emissions Source control of air emissions can be achieved through equipment modification and proper operation of equipment. Some simple control measures include installation and use of lids, an increase of freeboard height of cleaning tanks, installation of freeboard chillers, and taking steps to reduce solvent drag-out.

All cleaning units, including cold cleaning tanks and dip tanks, should have some type of lid installed. When viewed from the standpoint of reducing air emissions, the roll-type cover is preferable to the hinge type. Lids that swing down can cause a piston effect and force the escape of solvent vapor. In operations such as vapor degreasing, use of lids can reduce solvent loss from 24 percent to 50 percent. For tanks that are continuously in use, covers have been designed that allow the work pieces to enter and leave the tank while the lid remains closed.

In an open top vapor degreaser, freeboard is defined as the distance from the top of the vapor zone to the top of the tank. Increasing the freeboard will substantially reduce the amount of solvent loss. A freeboard chiller may also be installed above the primary condenser coil. This refrigerated coil, much like the cooling jacket, chills the air above the vapor zone and creates a secondary barrier to vapor loss. Reduction in solvent usage, by use of freeboard chillers, can be as high as 60 percent. The major drawback with a freeboard chiller is that it can introduce water (due to condensation from air) into the tank.

In addition to measures that reduce air emissions through equipment modification, it is also possible to reduce emissions through proper equipment layout, operation, and maintenance. Cleaning tanks should be located in areas where air turbulence and temperature do not promote vapor loss.

Maximize the Dedication of the Process Equipment In addition to reduction in vapor loss, reducing the amount of solvent used can be achieved through better operating practices that increase the efficiency of solvent cleaning operations. Maximizing the dedication of the process equipment reduces the

need for frequent cleaning. By using a mix tank consistently for the same formulation, the need to clean equipment between batches is eliminated.

Avoid Unnecessary Cleaning Avoiding unnecessary cleaning also offers potential for waste reduction. For example, paint mixing tanks for two-part paints are often cleaned between batches of the same product. The effect of cross-contamination between batches should be examined from a product quality control viewpoint to see if the cleaning step is always necessary.

Process pipelines are often flushed with some type of solvent to remove deposits on the pipe walls. Cleaning the pipelines can be achieved by using an inert gas propellant to remove deposits. This method can only be used if the pipelines do not have many bends or sharp turns.

Proper Production Scheduling Proper production scheduling can reduce cleaning frequency by eliminating the need for cleaning between the conclusion of one task and the start of the next. A simple example of this procedure is to have a small overlap between shifts that perform the same operation with the same equipment. This allows the equipment that would normally be cleaned and put away at the end of each shift, such as painting equipment, to be taken over directly by the relief.

Clean Equipment Immediately Cleaning equipment immediately after use prevents deposits from hardening and avoids the need for consuming extra solvent. Letting dirty equipment accumulate and be cleaned later can also increase the time required for cleaning.

Better Operating Procedures Better operating procedures can minimize equipment clean-up waste. Some of the methods already discussed are examples of better operating procedures. Better operator training, education, closer supervision, improved equipment maintenance, and increasing the use of automation are very effective in waste minimization.

Reuse Solvent Waste Reuse of solvent waste can reduce or eliminate waste and result in a cost savings associated with a decrease in raw material consumption. The solvent from cleaning operations can be reused in other cleaning processes in which the degree of cleanliness required is much less. This will be discussed in more detail in the next section.

### *Solvent Recycling*

Although not as preferable as source reduction, solvent recycling may be a viable alternative for some shipyards. The goal of recycling is to recover from the waste solvent, a solvent of a similar purity to that of the virgin solvent for eventual reuse in the same operation, or of a sufficient purity to be used in another application. Recycling can also include the direct use of solvent waste

from one waste stream in another operation. There are a number of techniques that shipyards can use onsite to separate solvents from contaminants including distillation, evaporation, sedimentation, decanting, centrifugation, filtering, and membrane separation.

## V.F. Machining and Metalworking

Coolant fluids account for the largest waste stream generated by machining operations. Waste metalworking fluids are created when the fluids are no longer usable due to contamination by oils or chemical additives. If the contamination rate of the metalworking fluids is reduced, the need to replace them will be less frequent. This will reduce the waste generated.

### *Preventing Fluid Contamination*

Fluid can become hazardous waste if it is contaminated. Although it is not possible to eliminate contamination, it is possible to reduce the rate of contamination and thereby prolong its use.

The primary contaminant in these waste fluids is tramp oil. One way to postpone contamination is to promote better maintenance of the wipers and seals. A preventative maintenance program should be installed and enforced in the machine shop. Scheduled sump and machine cleaning as well as periodic inspections of the wipers and oil seals should be carried out. The responsibility for this should be assigned to some person or group in a position of authority to ensure its success.

### *Synthetic Fluids*

Synthetic fluids have many advantages over the non-synthetic counterparts. Usually the synthetic varieties do not lubricate as effectively, but they are less susceptible to contamination and highly resistant to biological breakdown. Most synthetic fluids have superior longevity and can operate over a large temperature range without adverse side effects. Straight oils should be replaced with synthetic ones when possible.

### *Recycling Fluids*

Once all of the source reduction options have been considered, it is time to explore the possibilities of reuse. It should be noted that in many cases, after the majority of the contaminants have been removed, further treatment with chemicals or concentrated fluid is necessary before the fluids can be recirculated through the machines.

Filtration. Filtration is a common way to remove particles from the fluid as well as tramp oils or other contaminants. Many different types of filters can

be used depending on the medium to be filtered and the amount of filtration desired. Contaminated cutting fluids can be passed through a bag, disc, or cartridge filter or separated in a centrifuge.

Skimming and Flotation. Although it is a slow process, skimming of contaminants is inexpensive and can be very effective. The principle is to let the fluid sit motionless in a sump or a tank, and after a predetermined amount of time, the unwanted oils are skimmed off the surface and the heavier particulate matter is collected off the bottom. A similar technique, flotation, injects high pressure air into contaminated cutting fluid. As the air comes out of solution and bubbles to the surface, it attaches itself to suspended contaminants and carries them up to the surface. The resulting sludge is skimmed off the surface and the clean fluid is reused.

Centrifugation. Centrifugation uses the same settling principles as flotation, but the effects of gravity are multiplied thousands of times due to the spinning action of the centrifuge. This will increase the volume of fluids which can be cleaned in a given amount of time.

Pasteurization. Pasteurization uses heat treatment to kill microorganisms in the fluid and reduce the rate at which rancidity (biological breakdown) will occur. Unfortunately, heat can alter the properties of the fluid and render it less effective. Properties lost in this way are usually impossible to recover.

Downgrading. Sometimes it is possible to use high quality hydraulic oils as cutting fluids. After the oils have reached their normal usable life, they no longer meet the high standards necessary for hydraulic components. At this time they are still good enough to be used for the less demanding jobs. It may be necessary to treat the fluid before it can be reused, but changing fluid's functions in this manner has proven successful in the past.

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## VI. SUMMARY OF FEDERAL STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

This section discusses the Federal regulations that may apply to this sector. The purpose of this section is to highlight and briefly describe the applicable Federal requirements, and to provide citations for more detailed information. The three following sections are included:

- Section VI.A. contains a general overview of major statutes
- Section VI.B. contains a list of regulations specific to this industry
- Section VI.C. contains a list of pending and proposed regulations

The descriptions within Section VI are intended solely for general information. Depending upon the nature or scope of the activities at a particular facility, these summaries may or may not necessarily describe all applicable environmental requirements. Moreover, they do not constitute formal interpretations or clarifications of the statutes and regulations. For further information, readers should consult the Code of Federal Regulations and other state or local regulatory agencies. EPA Hotline contacts are also provided for each major statute.

### VI.A. General Description of Major Statutes

#### *Resource Conservation and Recovery Act*

The Resource Conservation And Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1976, which amended the Solid Waste Disposal Act, addresses solid (Subtitle D) and hazardous (Subtitle C) waste management activities. The Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984 strengthened RCRA's waste management provisions and added Subtitle I, which governs underground storage tanks (USTs).

Regulations promulgated pursuant to Subtitle C of RCRA (40 CFR Parts 260-299) establish a "cradle-to-grave" system governing hazardous waste from the point of generation to disposal. RCRA hazardous wastes include the specific materials listed in the regulations (commercial chemical products, designated with the code "P" or "U"; hazardous wastes from specific industries/sources, designated with the code "K"; or hazardous wastes from non-specific sources, designated with the code "F") or materials which exhibit a hazardous waste characteristic (ignitability, corrosivity, reactivity, or toxicity and designated with the code "D").

Regulated entities that generate hazardous waste are subject to waste accumulation, manifesting, and record keeping standards. Facilities must obtain a permit either from EPA or from a State agency which EPA has authorized to implement the permitting program if they store hazardous wastes for more than 90 days (or 180 days depending on the amount of waste

generated) before treatment or disposal. Facilities may treat hazardous wastes stored in less-than-ninety-day tanks or containers without a permit provided the procedure is approved by a state agency having RCRA delegation authority. Subtitle C permits contain general facility standards such as contingency plans, emergency procedures, record keeping and reporting requirements, financial assurance mechanisms, and unit-specific standards. RCRA also contains provisions (40 CFR Part 264 Subpart S and §264.10) for conducting corrective actions which govern the cleanup of releases of hazardous waste or constituents from solid waste management units at RCRA-regulated facilities.

Although RCRA is a Federal statute, many States implement the RCRA program. Currently, EPA has delegated its authority to implement various provisions of RCRA to 47 of the 50 States and two U.S. territories. Delegation has not been given to Alaska, Hawaii, or Iowa.

Most RCRA requirements are not industry specific but apply to any company that generates, transports, treats, stores, or disposes of hazardous waste. Here are some important RCRA regulatory requirements:

- **Identification of Solid and Hazardous Wastes** (40 CFR Part 261) lays out the procedure every generator must follow to determine whether the material in question is considered a hazardous waste, solid waste, or is exempted from regulation.
- **Standards for Generators of Hazardous Waste** (40 CFR Part 262) establishes the responsibilities of hazardous waste generators including obtaining an EPA ID number, preparing a manifest, ensuring proper packaging and labeling, meeting standards for waste accumulation units, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements. Generators can accumulate hazardous waste for up to 90 days (or 180 days depending on the amount of waste generated) without obtaining a permit.
- **Land Disposal Restrictions** (LDRs) (40 CFR Part 268) are regulations prohibiting the disposal of hazardous waste on land without prior treatment. Under the LDRs program, materials must meet LDR treatment standards prior to placement in a RCRA land disposal unit (landfill, land treatment unit, waste pile, or surface impoundment). Generators of waste subject to the LDRs must provide notification of such to the designated TSD facility to ensure proper treatment prior to disposal.
- **Used Oil Management Standards** (40 CFR Part 279) impose management requirements affecting the storage, transportation, burning, processing, and re-refining of the used oil. For parties that



merely generate used oil, regulations establish storage standards. For a party considered a used oil processor, re-refiner, burner, or marketer (one who generates and sells off-specification used oil), additional tracking and paperwork requirements must be satisfied.

- RCRA contains unit-specific standards for all units used to store, treat, or dispose of hazardous waste, including **Tanks and Containers**. Tanks and containers used to store hazardous waste with a high volatile organic concentration must meet emission standards under RCRA. Regulations (40 CFR Part 264-265, Subpart CC) require generators to test the waste to determine the concentration of the waste, to satisfy tank and container emissions standards, and to inspect and monitor regulated units. These regulations apply to all facilities that store such waste, including large quantity generators accumulating waste prior to shipment off-site.
- **Underground Storage Tanks** (USTs) containing petroleum and hazardous substances are regulated under Subtitle I of RCRA. Subtitle I regulations (40 CFR Part 280) contain tank design and release detection requirements, as well as financial responsibility and corrective action standards for USTs. The UST program also includes upgrade requirements for existing tanks that must be met by December 22, 1998.
- **Boilers and Industrial Furnaces** (BIFs) that use or burn fuel containing hazardous waste must comply with design and operating standards. BIF regulations (40 CFR Part 266, Subpart H) address unit design, provide performance standards, require emissions monitoring, and restrict the type of waste that may be burned.

*EPA's RCRA, Superfund and EPCRA Hotline, at (800) 424-9346, responds to questions and distributes guidance regarding all RCRA regulations. The RCRA Hotline operates weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, excluding Federal holidays.*

#### *Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act*

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), a 1980 law known commonly as Superfund, authorizes EPA to respond to releases, or threatened releases, of hazardous substances that may endanger public health, welfare, or the environment. CERCLA also enables EPA to force parties responsible for environmental contamination to clean it up or to reimburse the Superfund for response costs incurred by EPA. The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 revised various sections of CERCLA, extended the taxing authority for the

Superfund, and created a free-standing law, SARA Title III, also known as the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).

The CERCLA hazardous substance release reporting regulations (40 CFR Part 302) direct the person in charge of a facility to report to the National Response Center (NRC) any environmental release of a hazardous substance which equals or exceeds a reportable quantity. Reportable quantities are listed in 40 CFR §302.4. A release report may trigger a response by EPA, or by one or more Federal or State emergency response authorities.

EPA implements hazardous substance responses according to procedures outlined in the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) (40 CFR Part 300). The NCP includes provisions for permanent cleanups, known as remedial actions, and other cleanups referred to as removals. EPA generally takes remedial actions only at sites on the National Priorities List (NPL), which currently includes approximately 1300 sites. Both EPA and states can act at sites; however, EPA provides responsible parties the opportunity to conduct removal and remedial actions and encourages community involvement throughout the Superfund response process.

*EPA's RCRA, Superfund and EPCRA Hotline, at (800) 424-9346, answers questions and references guidance pertaining to the Superfund program. This Hotline, which addresses CERCLA issues, operates weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, excluding Federal holidays.*

#### *Emergency Planning And Community Right-To-Know Act*

The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 created the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA, also known as SARA Title III), a statute designed to improve community access to information about chemical hazards and to facilitate the development of chemical emergency response plans by State and local governments. EPCRA required the establishment of State emergency response commissions (SERCs), responsible for coordinating certain emergency response activities and for appointing local emergency planning committees (LEPCs).

EPCRA and the EPCRA regulations (40 CFR Parts 350-372) establish four types of reporting obligations for facilities which store or manage specified chemicals:

- **EPCRA §302** requires facilities to notify the SERC and LEPC of the presence of any extremely hazardous substance (the list of such substances is in 40 CFR Part 355, Appendices A and B) if it has such substance in excess of the substance's threshold planning quantity, and

directs the facility to appoint an emergency response coordinator.

- **EPCRA §304** requires the facility to notify the SERC and the LEPC in the event of a release equaling or exceeding the reportable quantity of a CERCLA hazardous substance or an EPCRA extremely hazardous substance.
- **EPCRA §311 and §312** require a facility at which a hazardous chemical, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, is present in an amount exceeding a specified threshold to submit to the SERC, LEPC and local fire department material safety data sheets (MSDSs) or lists of MSDSs and hazardous chemical inventory forms (also known as Tier I and II forms). This information helps the local government respond in the event of a spill or release of the chemical.
- **EPCRA §313** requires manufacturing facilities included in SIC codes 20 through 39, which have ten or more employees, and which manufacture, process, or use specified chemicals in amounts greater than threshold quantities, to submit an annual toxic chemical release report. This report, known commonly as the Form R, covers releases and transfers of toxic chemicals to various facilities and environmental media, and allows EPA to compile the national Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) database.

All information submitted pursuant to EPCRA regulations is publicly accessible, unless protected by a trade secret claim.

*EPA's RCRA, Superfund and EPCRA Hotline, at (800) 424-9346, answers questions and distributes guidance regarding the emergency planning and community right-to-know regulations. The EPCRA Hotline operates weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, excluding Federal holidays.*

### *Clean Water Act*

The primary objective of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (CWA), is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's surface waters. Pollutants regulated under the CWA include "priority" pollutants, including various toxic pollutants; "conventional" pollutants, such as biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), fecal coliform, oil and grease, and pH; and "non-conventional" pollutants, including any pollutant not identified as either conventional or priority.

The CWA regulates both direct and indirect discharges. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program (CWA §502) controls direct discharges into navigable waters. NPDES permits, issued by

either EPA or an authorized State (EPA has authorized 42 States to administer the NPDES program), contain industry-specific, technology-based and/or water quality-based limits, and establish pollutant monitoring requirements. A facility that intends to discharge into the nation's waters must obtain a permit prior to initiating its discharge. A permit applicant must provide quantitative analytical data identifying the types of pollutants present in the facility's effluent. The permit will then set the conditions and effluent limitations on the facility discharges.

A NPDES permit may also include discharge limits based on Federal or State water quality criteria or standards, that were designed to protect designated uses of surface waters, such as supporting aquatic life or recreation. These standards, unlike the technological standards, generally do not take into account technological feasibility or costs. Water quality criteria and standards vary from State to State, and site to site, depending on the use classification of the receiving body of water. Most States follow EPA guidelines which propose aquatic life and human health criteria for many of the 126 priority pollutants.

#### Storm Water Discharges

In 1987 the CWA was amended to require EPA to establish a program to address storm water discharges. In response, EPA promulgated the NPDES storm water permit application regulations. These regulations require that facilities with the following storm water discharges apply for an NPDES permit: (1) a discharge associated with industrial activity; (2) a discharge from a large or medium municipal storm sewer system; or (3) a discharge which EPA or the State determines to contribute to a violation of a water quality standard or is a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the United States.

The term "storm water discharge associated with industrial activity" means a storm water discharge from one of 11 categories of industrial activity defined at 40 CFR 122.26. Six of the categories are defined by SIC codes while the other five are identified through narrative descriptions of the regulated industrial activity. If the primary SIC code of the facility is one of those identified in the regulations, the facility is subject to the storm water permit application requirements. If any activity at a facility is covered by one of the five narrative categories, storm water discharges from those areas where the activities occur are subject to storm water discharge permit application requirements.

Those facilities/activities that are subject to storm water discharge permit application requirements are identified below. To determine whether a particular facility falls within one of these categories, consult the regulation.

**Category i:** Facilities subject to storm water effluent guidelines, new source performance standards, or toxic pollutant effluent standards.

**Category ii:** Facilities classified as SIC 24-lumber and wood products (except wood kitchen cabinets); SIC 26-paper and allied products (except paperboard containers and products); SIC 28-chemicals and allied products (except drugs and paints); SIC 291-petroleum refining; and SIC 311-leather tanning and finishing, 32 (except 323)-stone, clay, glass, and concrete, 33-primary metals, 3441-fabricated structural metal, and 373-ship and boat building and repairing.

**Category iii:** Facilities classified as SIC 10-metal mining; SIC 12-coal mining; SIC 13-oil and gas extraction; and SIC 14-nonmetallic mineral mining.

**Category iv:** Hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities.

**Category v:** Landfills, land application sites, and open dumps that receive or have received industrial wastes.

**Category vi:** Facilities classified as SIC 5015-used motor vehicle parts; and SIC 5093-automotive scrap and waste material recycling facilities.

**Category vii:** Steam electric power generating facilities.

**Category viii:** Facilities classified as SIC 40-railroad transportation; SIC 41-local passenger transportation; SIC 42-trucking and warehousing (except public warehousing and storage); SIC 43-U.S. Postal Service; SIC 44-water transportation; SIC 45-transportation by air; and SIC 5171-petroleum bulk storage stations and terminals.

**Category ix:** Sewage treatment works.

**Category x:** Construction activities except operations that result in the disturbance of less than five acres of total land area.

**Category xi:** Facilities classified as SIC 20-food and kindred products; SIC 21-tobacco products; SIC 22-textile mill products; SIC 23-apparel related products; SIC 2434-wood kitchen cabinets manufacturing; SIC 25-furniture and fixtures; SIC 265-paperboard containers and boxes; SIC 267-converted paper and paperboard products; SIC 27-printing, publishing, and allied industries; SIC 283-drugs; SIC 285-paints, varnishes, lacquer, enamels, and allied products; SIC 30-rubber and plastics; SIC 31-leather and leather products (except leather tanning and finishing); SIC 323-glass products; SIC 34-fabricated metal products (except fabricated structural metal); SIC 35-

industrial and commercial machinery and computer equipment; SIC 36-electronic and other electrical equipment and components; SIC 37-transportation equipment (except ship and boat building and repair); SIC 38-measuring, analyzing, and controlling instruments; SIC 39-miscellaneous manufacturing industries; and SIC 4221-4225-public warehousing and storage.

### Pretreatment Program

Another type of discharge that is regulated by the CWA is one that goes to a publicly-owned treatment works (POTW). The national pretreatment program (CWA §307(b)) controls the indirect discharge of pollutants to POTWs by "industrial users." Facilities regulated under §307(b) must meet certain pretreatment standards. The goal of the pretreatment program is to protect municipal wastewater treatment plants from damage that may occur when hazardous, toxic, or other wastes are discharged into a sewer system and to protect the quality of sludge generated by these plants. Discharges to a POTW are regulated primarily by the POTW, rather than the State or EPA.

EPA has developed technology-based standards for industrial users of POTWs. Different standards apply to existing and new sources within each category. "Categorical" pretreatment standards applicable to an industry on a nationwide basis are developed by EPA. In addition, another kind of pretreatment standard, "local limits," are developed by the POTW in order to assist the POTW in achieving the effluent limitations in its NPDES permit.

Regardless of whether a State is authorized to implement either the NPDES or the pretreatment program, if it develops its own program, it may enforce requirements more stringent than Federal standards.

### Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure Plans

The 1990 Oil Pollution Act requires that facilities that could reasonably be expected to discharge oil in harmful quantities prepare and implement more rigorous Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan required under the CWA (40 CFR §112.7). There are also criminal and civil penalties for deliberate or negligent spills of oil. Regulations covering response to oil discharges and contingency plans (40 CFR Part 300), and Facility Response Plans to oil discharges (40 CFR §112.20) and for PCB transformers and PCB-containing items were revised and finalized in 1995.

*EPA's Office of Water, at (202) 260-5700, will direct callers with questions about the CWA to the appropriate EPA office. EPA also maintains a bibliographic database of Office of Water publications which can be accessed through the Ground Water and Drinking Water resource center, at (202) 260-7786.*

*Safe Drinking Water Act*

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) mandates that EPA establish regulations to protect human health from contaminants in drinking water. The law authorizes EPA to develop national drinking water standards and to create a joint Federal-State system to ensure compliance with these standards. The SDWA also directs EPA to protect underground sources of drinking water through the control of underground injection of liquid wastes.

EPA has developed primary and secondary drinking water standards under its SDWA authority. EPA and authorized States enforce the primary drinking water standards, which are, contaminant-specific concentration limits that apply to certain public drinking water supplies. Primary drinking water standards consist of maximum contaminant level goals (MCLGs), which are non-enforceable health-based goals, and maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), which are enforceable limits set as close to MCLGs as possible, considering cost and feasibility of attainment.

The SDWA Underground Injection Control (UIC) program (40 CFR Parts 144-148) is a permit program which protects underground sources of drinking water by regulating five classes of injection wells. UIC permits include design, operating, inspection, and monitoring requirements. Wells used to inject hazardous wastes must also comply with RCRA corrective action standards in order to be granted a RCRA permit, and must meet applicable RCRA land disposal restrictions standards. The UIC permit program is primarily State-enforced, since EPA has authorized all but a few States to administer the program.

The SDWA also provides for a Federally-implemented Sole Source Aquifer program, which prohibits Federal funds from being expended on projects that may contaminate the sole or principal source of drinking water for a given area, and for a State-implemented Wellhead Protection program, designed to protect drinking water wells and drinking water recharge areas.

*EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline, at (800) 426-4791, answers questions and distributes guidance pertaining to SDWA standards. The Hotline operates from 9:00 a.m. through 5:30 p.m., ET, excluding Federal holidays.*

*Toxic Substances Control Act*

The Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) granted EPA authority to create a regulatory framework to collect data on chemicals in order to evaluate, assess, mitigate, and control risks which may be posed by their manufacture, processing, and use. TSCA provides a variety of control methods to prevent chemicals from posing unreasonable risk.

TSCA standards may apply at any point during a chemical's life cycle. Under TSCA §5, EPA has established an inventory of chemical substances. If a chemical is not already on the inventory, and has not been excluded by TSCA, a premanufacture notice (PMN) must be submitted to EPA prior to manufacture or import. The PMN must identify the chemical and provide available information on health and environmental effects. If available data are not sufficient to evaluate the chemicals effects, EPA can impose restrictions pending the development of information on its health and environmental effects. EPA can also restrict significant new uses of chemicals based upon factors such as the projected volume and use of the chemical.

Under TSCA §6, EPA can ban the manufacture or distribution in commerce, limit the use, require labeling, or place other restrictions on chemicals that pose unreasonable risks. Among the chemicals EPA regulates under §6 authority are asbestos, chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

Under TSCA §8, EPA requires the producers and importers of chemicals to report information on chemicals' production, use, exposure, and risks. Companies producing and importing chemicals can be required to report unpublished health and safety studies on listed chemicals and to collect and record any allegations of adverse reactions or any information indicating that a substance may pose a significant risk to humans or the environment.

*EPA's TSCA Assistance Information Service, at (202) 554-1404, answers questions and distributes guidance pertaining to Toxic Substances Control Act standards. The Service operates from 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., ET, excluding Federal holidays.*

### *Clean Air Act*

The Clean Air Act (CAA) and its amendments, including the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) of 1990, are designed to "protect and enhance the nation's air resources so as to promote the public health and welfare and the productive capacity of the population." The CAA consists of six sections, known as Titles, which direct EPA to establish national standards for ambient air quality and for EPA and the States to implement, maintain, and enforce these standards through a variety of mechanisms. Under the CAAA, many facilities will be required to obtain permits for the first time. State and local governments oversee, manage, and enforce many of the requirements of the CAAA. CAA regulations appear at 40 CFR Parts 50-99.

Pursuant to Title I of the CAA, EPA has established national ambient air quality standards (NAAQSs) to limit levels of "criteria pollutants," including carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), ozone, and sulfur dioxide. Geographic areas that meet



NAAQSs for a given pollutant are classified as attainment areas; those that do not meet NAAQSs are classified as non-attainment areas. Under section 110 of the CAA, each State must develop a State Implementation Plan (SIP) to identify sources of air pollution and to determine what reductions are required to meet Federal air quality standards. Revised NAAQSs for particulates and ozone were proposed in 1996 and may go into effect as early as 1997.

Title I also authorizes EPA to establish New Source Performance Standards (NSPSs), which are nationally uniform emission standards for new stationary sources falling within particular industrial categories. NSPSs are based on the pollution control technology available to that category of industrial source.

Under Title I, EPA establishes and enforces National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs), nationally uniform standards oriented towards controlling particular hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). Title I, section 112(c) of the CAA further directed EPA to develop a list of sources that emit any of 189 HAPs, and to develop regulations for these categories of sources. To date EPA has listed 174 categories and developed a schedule for the establishment of emission standards. The emission standards will be developed for both new and existing sources based on "maximum achievable control technology" (MACT). The MACT is defined as the control technology achieving the maximum degree of reduction in the emission of the HAPs, taking into account cost and other factors. Title I, section 112(r) directed EPA to develop a list of hazardous chemicals and regulations to control and prevent accidental releases of these chemicals. Owners and operators of facilities at which such substances are present in more than a threshold quantity will have to prepare risk management plans for each substance used at the facility. EPA may also require annual audits and safety inspections to prevent leaks and other episodic releases.

Title II of the CAA pertains to mobile sources, such as cars, trucks, buses, and planes. Reformulated gasoline, automobile pollution control devices, and vapor recovery nozzles on gas pumps are a few of the mechanisms EPA uses to regulate mobile air emission sources.

Title IV of the CAA establishes a sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides emissions program designed to reduce the formation of acid rain. Reduction of sulfur dioxide releases will be obtained by granting to certain sources limited emissions allowances, which, beginning in 1995, will be set below previous levels of sulfur dioxide releases.

Title V of the CAA of 1990 created a permit program for all "major sources" (and certain other sources) regulated under the CAA. One purpose of the operating permit is to include in a single document all air emissions requirements that apply to a given facility. States are developing the permit programs in accordance with guidance and regulations from EPA. Once a

State program is approved by EPA, permits will be issued and monitored by that State.

Title VI of the CAA is intended to protect stratospheric ozone by phasing out the manufacture of ozone-depleting chemicals and restrict their use and distribution. Production of Class I substances, including 15 kinds of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and chloroform, were phased out (except for essential uses) in 1996.

*EPA's Clean Air Technology Center, at (919) 541-0800, provides general assistance and information on CAA standards. The Stratospheric Ozone Information Hotline, at (800) 296-1996, provides general information about regulations promulgated under Title VI of the CAA, and EPA's EPCRA Hotline, at (800) 535-0202, answers questions about accidental release prevention under CAA §112(r). In addition, the Clean Air Technology Center's website includes recent CAA rules, EPA guidance documents, and updates of EPA activities ([www.epa.gov/ttn](http://www.epa.gov/ttn) then select Directory and then CATC).*

**VI.B. Industry Specific Requirements***Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)*

A material is classified under RCRA as a hazardous waste if the material meets the definition of solid waste (40 CFR 261.2), and that solid waste material exhibits one of the characteristics of a hazardous waste (40 CFR 261.20-40) or is specifically listed as a hazardous waste (40 CFR 261.31-33). A material defined as a hazardous waste may then be subject to Subtitle C generator (40 CFR 262), transporter (40 CFR 263), and treatment, storage, and disposal facility (40 CFR 264 and 265) requirements. The shipbuilding and repair industry must be concerned with the regulations addressing all of these.

Several common shipyard operations have the potential to generate RCRA hazardous wastes. Some of these wastes are identified below by process.

**Machining and Other Metalworking**

- Metalworking fluids contaminated with oils, phenols, creosol, alkalies, phosphorus compounds, and chlorine

**Cleaning and Degreasing**

- Solvents (F001, F002, F003, F004, F005)
- Alkaline and Acid Cleaning Solutions (D002)
- Cleaning filter sludges with toxic metal concentrations

**Metal Plating and Surface Finishing and Preparation**

- Wastewater treatment sludges from electroplating operations (F006)
- Spent cyanide plating bath solutions (F007)
- Plating bath residues from the bottom of cyanide plating baths (F008)
- Spent stripping and cleaning bath solutions from cyanide plating operations (F009)

**Surface Preparation, Painting and Coating**

- Paint and paint containers containing paint sludges with solvents or toxic metals concentrations
- Solvents (F002, F003)
- Paint chips with toxic metal concentrations
- Blasting media contaminated with paint chips

### Vessel Cleaning

- Vessel sludges
- Vessel cleaning wastewater
- Vessel cleaning wastewater sludges

### Fiberglass Reinforced Construction

- Solvents (F001, F002, F003, F004, F005)
- Chemical additives and catalysts

Shipbuilding and repair facilities may also generate used lubricating oils which are regulated under RCRA but may or may not be considered a hazardous waste (40 CFR 266).

### *United States Code, Title 10, Section 7311*

Title 10, Section 7311 of the U.S. Code applies specifically to the handling of hazardous waste (as defined by RCRA) during the repair and maintenance of naval vessels. The Code requires the navy to identify the types and amounts of hazardous wastes that will be generated or removed by a contractor working on a naval vessel and that the navy compensate the contractor for the removal, handling, storage, transportation, or disposal of the hazardous waste. The Code also requires that waste generated solely by the navy and handled by the contractor bears a generator identification number issued to the navy; wastes generated and handled solely by the contractor bears a generator identification number issued to the contractor; and waste generated by both the navy and the contractor and handled by the contractor bears a generator identification number issued to the contractor and a generator identification number issued to the navy.

### *Clean Air Act*

Under Title III of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA), EPA is required to develop national emission standards for 189 hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP). EPA is developing maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards for all new and existing sources. The National Emission Standards for Shipbuilding and Repair Operations (Surface Coating) (40 CFR Part 63 Subpart II) were finalized in 1995 and apply to major source shipbuilding and ship repairing facilities that carry out surface coating operations. Shipyards that emit ten or more tons of any one HAP or 25 or more tons of two or more HAPs combined are subject to the MACT requirements. The MACT requirements set VOC limits for different types of marine coatings and performance standards to reduce spills, leaks, and fugitive emissions. EPA estimates that there are approximately 35 major source shipyards affected by this regulation. Shipbuilding and repair facilities

may also be subject to National Emissions Standards for Asbestos (40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M). Both NESHAPs require emission limits, work practice standards, record keeping, and reporting.

Under Title V of the CAAA 1990 (40 CFR Parts 70-72) all of the applicable requirements of the Amendments are integrated into one federal renewable operating permit. Facilities defined as "major sources" under the Act must apply for permits within one year from when EPA approves the state permit programs. Since most state programs were not approved until after November 1994, Title V permit applications, for the most part, began to be due in late 1995. Due dates for filing complete applications vary significantly from state to state, based on the status of review and approval of the state's Title V program by EPA.

A facility is designated as a major source for Title V if it releases a certain amount of any one of the CAAA regulated pollutants (SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, VOC, PM<sub>10</sub>, hazardous air pollutants, extremely hazardous substances, ozone depleting substances, and pollutants covered by NSPSs) depending on the region's air quality category. Title V permits may set limits on the amounts of pollutant emissions; require emissions monitoring, and record keeping and reporting. Facilities are required to pay an annual fee based on the magnitude of the facility's potential emissions. It is estimated that approximately 35 shipyards will be designated as major sources and therefore must apply for a Title V permit.

### *Clean Water Act*

Shipbuilding and repair facility wastewater released to surface waters is regulated under the CWA. National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits must be obtained to discharge wastewater into navigable waters (40 Part 122). Facilities that discharge to a POTW may be required to meet National Pretreatment Standards for some contaminants. General pretreatment standards applying to most industries discharging to a POTW are described in 40 CFR Part 403. In addition, effluent limitation guidelines, new source performance standards, pretreatment standards for new sources, and pretreatment standards for existing sources may apply to some shipbuilding and repair facilities that carryout electroplating or metal finishing operations. Requirements for the Electroplating Point Source Category and the Metal Finishing Point Source Category are listed under 40 CFR Part 413 and 40 CFR Part 433, respectively.

Storm water rules require certain facilities with storm water discharge from any one of 11 categories of industrial activity defined in 40 CFR 122.26 be subject to the storm water permit application requirements (see Section VI.A). Many shipbuilding and repair facilities fall within these categories. To determine whether a particular facility falls within one of these categories, the

regulation should be consulted. Required treatment of storm water flows are expected to remove a large fraction of both conventional pollutants, such as suspended solids and biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), as well as toxic pollutants, such as certain metals and organic compounds.

*Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)*

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) provide the basic legal framework for the federal “Superfund” program to clean up abandoned hazardous waste sites (40 CFR Part 305). Metals and metal compounds often found in shipyards’ air emissions, water discharges, or waste shipments for off-site disposal include chromium, manganese, aluminum, nickel, copper, zinc, and lead. Metals are frequently found at CERCLA's problem sites. When Congress ordered EPA and the Public Health Service's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to list the hazardous substances most commonly found at problem sites and that pose the greatest threat to human health, lead, nickel, and aluminum all made the list.

**VI.C. Pending and Proposed Regulatory Requirements***Clean Water Act*

Effluent limitation guidelines for wastewater discharges from metal products and machinery (MP&M) industries are being developed. MP&M industries have been divided into two groups that originally were to be covered under two separate phases of the rulemaking. Effluent guidelines for Phase I industries and Phase II industries (which includes the shipbuilding and repair industry) will now be covered under a single regulation to be proposed in October 2000 and finalized in December 2002. (Steven Geil, U.S. EPA, Office of Water, Engineering and Analysis Division, (202) 260-9817, email: geil.steve@epamail.epa.gov)

*Clean Air Act*

In August 1996, EPA published Control Technique Guidelines (CTG) for the control of VOC emissions from surface coating operations in the shipbuilding and ship repair industry. The CTG was issued to assist states in analyzing and determining reasonably available control technology (RACT) standards for major sources of VOCs in the shipbuilding and repair operations located within ozone NAAQS nonattainment areas. EPA estimates that there are approximately 100 facilities that will fall within this category in addition to the approximately 35 major sources identified for the NESHAP MACT standards. Within one year of the publication of the CTG, states must adopt a RACT regulation at least as stringent as the limits recommended in the CTG. Under Section 183(b)(4) of the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to issue the CTG for the shipbuilding and repair industry based on “best available control measures” (BACM) for emissions of VOCs and particulates. In developing the CTG, EPA determined that the MACT standard of the 1995 NESHAP for Shipbuilding and Repair Operations (Surface Coating) is the only technologically and economically feasible level of control for these sources. Therefore, for shipbuilding and repair operations, EPA considers the RACT, BACM, and MACT standards to be identical. For particulate emissions, EPA determined the BACM to be no control. (Mohamed Serageldin, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, (919) 541-2379)

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